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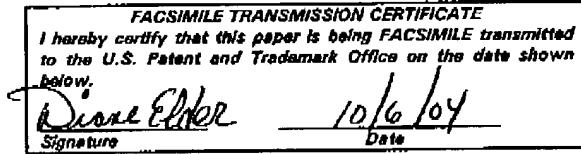
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Application of:	Wolfgang SCHEIDER, et al.
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Entitled:	DEVICE FOR FILTERING AND ADDING GRAIN REFINING AGENT TO METAL MELTS

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116(b) – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated May 14, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Claims 1-11 (Cancelled).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A device for filtering and adding a grain-refining material to a metal melt, said device having a flow direction for said melt, said device comprising:

a first filter comprising a porous filter medium;

a grain refining material feed, said feed disposed downstream from said first filter in said flow direction; and